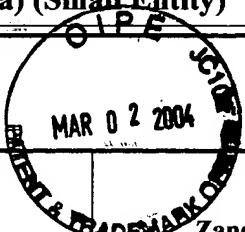


**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)**

Docket No.
0196/US

In Re Application Of: Stephen D. Fantone, et al.



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This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of Sep. 29, 2003 in the above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

- One month Two months Three months Four months Five months

from: Dec. 29, 2003

until: Mar. 1, 2004

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A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27.

- is enclosed.
 has already been filed in this application.

The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	26 -	26 =	0	x \$9.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	6 -	6 =	0	x \$42.00	\$0.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$0.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$210.00
TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME					\$210.00

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The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

- A check in the amount of \$210.00 for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.
- Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of \$210.00
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1150
- Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
- Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 03-1150


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